

**From:** [Peterson, Mary](#)  
**To:** [Gray, David](#)  
**Subject:** RE: San Jacinto site  
**Date:** Monday, September 11, 2017 11:23:17 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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David – I noticed you weren't on the distribution and I think you need to see this, especially since it pertains to the inquiry from Galveston Bay...

## **Mary P. Peterson, Director**

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**Subject:** RE: HH2017COM 0911 INFO: Morning media clips

In response to Sam's question: [NOTE – I am not sending to Sam]

The blue material found on top of the cap is being sampled this morning. A portion will be sent off for dioxin analysis, and a split will be sent to PHILIS for other parameters. The dioxin analysis is 5-day turnaround, PHILIS is 24 hour.

The divers are preparing to enter the water today and conduct the underwater assessment. They will prepare a sampling plan today based on the results of the assessment.

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Begin forwarded message:

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I need an answer on this.

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Do we yet know about the blue stuff and what the tests show and what the divers found?

Sent from my iPad

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Of note in today's R6 clips:

The writer is Baytown Sun Managing Editor David Bloom.

**EDITORIAL: Time for EPA to order complete removal of San Jacinto Waste Pits, Baytown Sun, 9/10/2017**

[http://baytownsun.com/opinion/editorials/article\\_e0177442-9613-11e7-880e-d7c22778739b.html](http://baytownsun.com/opinion/editorials/article_e0177442-9613-11e7-880e-d7c22778739b.html)

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Environmentalists have said for years the San Jacinto Waste Pits — filled with decades-old paper bleaching waste — was vulnerable to flooding with the risk that waters would spread sediment heavily contaminated with cancer-causing dioxins.

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**1 — Texas DSHS continues aerial attack on post-Harvey mosquitoes, KRIS, 9/11/2017**

<http://www.kristv.com/story/36331357/texas-dshs-continues-aerial-attack-on-post-harvey-mosquitoes>

The Texas Department of State Health Services continues with aerial mosquito spraying operations after Hurricane Harvey. In the Coastal Bend area, flights treated approximately 272,000 acres in Nueces County on Saturday.

**2 — Houston's floodwaters receded, now replaced by mountains of trash, ABC News, 9/9/2017**

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/houstons-floodwaters-receded-now-replaced-mountains-trash/story?id=49701487>

The floodwaters in Houston have mostly receded, but in their place stand mountains of debris. Survivors of the catastrophic flooding from Harvey have shown their eagerness to rebuild and reclaim their damaged homes by hauling outside an estimated 8 million cubic yards of sodden drywall, flooring, furniture, appliances, clothing and toys, according to The Associated Press.

**3 — Texas flood shows need for chemical safety rule, advocates say, Chemical & Engineering News, 9/10/2017**

<http://cen.acs.org/articles/95/i36/Texas-flood-shows-need-chemical.html>

Industrial safety advocates and Texas residents say a flood-related fires and explosions at the Arkema chemical plant in Crosby, Texas, underscores the need for a worker and community safety regulation.

**4 — Residents still wait for flood water to recede in west Houston, KHOU, 9/10/2017**

<http://www.khou.com/news/local/residents-still-wait-for-flood-water-to-recede-in-west-houston/472654690>

While many homeowners are focused on ripping out drywall and cleaning out their houses in the aftermath of Harvey, some neighborhoods in west Houston are still underwater.

**5 — Orange Co. updates evacuation order, Beaumont Enterprise, 9/10/2017**

<http://www.beaumontenterprise.com/news/orangecounty/article/Evacuation-order-lifted-for-Orange-County-12187001.php>

A mandatory evacuation order for low-lying parts of Orange County issued on Aug. 31 has been lifted, the county announced in a statement. The county-wide curfew from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. is still in effect until further notice, according to the Orange County Emergency Management office.

**6 — EDITORIAL: Time for EPA to order complete removal of San Jacinto Waste Pits, Baytown Sun, 9/10/2017**

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[11e7-880e-d7c22778739b.html](http://www.houstonchronicle.com/opinion/outlook/article/Ovink-We-can-learn-from-the-Dutch-and-work-with-12185660.php)

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**7 — OPINION: Fight flooding now, Houston Chronicle, 9/10/2017**

<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/opinion/outlook/article/Ovink-We-can-learn-from-the-Dutch-and-work-with-12185660.php>

Because of climate change, we can expect weather events like Harvey to become more frequent and more extreme. We will see longer periods of drought, more intense hurricanes and more disastrous floods. We need to prepare ourselves for that future.